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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1—13.

Major Part B for October 1899.

SUBJECT.

Excise Administration Report for the year 1897—98.

SL 1. To the Excise Comm. No 7581/Ex283 d. 22 Sep
Requests that the submission of the Exc
Report for the year 1897—98 may be expedited.

SL 2. From the Excise Comm. No 7891/428 d. 6/1
states that the Excise Administration Report
has not yet been completed, as the Ex
accounts have not yet been verified &
and that steps have been taken to
by the end of next week, and

APB—5,000—22-10-10

To the Excise Comm
The Comptroller
The Supt Govt Pres
Nos 9166-8 / Ex.7. 4/95.
& - 13 June 1899.

Observes, accordingly, that short hours must no further delay will be allowed to occur and that the publication of the Press will be good enough to have the report printed as soon as possible.

To the Excise Comm No 140/Ex.7.4-98. & 6-7-99.

Enquires if the Excise Administration Report for 1897 98 has been completed and sent to Pres and when printed copies of the report may be expected to reach this Office.

From the Excise Comm No 262/12 & - 8/13 July 1899.

States that the Excise Administration Report for the year 1897-98, has been completed and after verification of the figures therein with those of the Demi Collection & Balance Statements last received from the comptroller duly verified it is being fair copied and will be sent to Press by Thursday or Wednesday next.

6. From the Excise Comm No 263/14 & 13/14 July 99.

States that the Excise Administration Report for 1897-98 has this day been forwarded to the Govt Press with instructions to print it at once, and supply usual indented copies within one week

Submitted to Government.

From the Supt Govt Pres No 5707 - 13/18 July.

acknowledges receipt of this copy of Excise Administration for 1897-98 at 4.30 P.M. this day. As the Supt has requested that the Report should be printed as it contains much Tabular matter, it will endeavour to do this by overtime

S.R. 4798-99

Memo

Ref 1st Councillors queries on the Draft Review of the Excise Admn Report for 97-8.

The Madras Abkari Act

The matter of introducing the Act into Mysore is under circulation among the Councillors

Rules for the cutting & removal of Date leaves

Draft rules submitted to Secretary with Offrs note on 27.4.98 & will be embodied by him

Para 7 of Review - about fines imposed -

Orders solicited as to whether cases should be directed to pass heavier fines

Para 2 of Review - D.C.B of Anantapur Revenue -

The figures as given in the review are correct -

Rs. 252.076 of rental for

does not

heavy gas arrears
Rs. 994 "9 "10. Please
see pages 50 & 51.
of the report for 96-7
now put up -

The figures of 1896-7
given in the statement
at page 18 of the report
for 1897-8 are in-
correct in as much
as they do not
include the arrears
of 994 "9 "10. report
above. The corresponding
figures for 1897-98
include arrears.
The inconsistency
being of a minor
nature was not
pointed out in
the review.

The balance of
rental for 1896-7
maybe raised
by 1 rupee. If this
done, the figure
against Demand
should also be raised
by 1 rupee. It is
question of treating
cases of a rupee

in the statement in the review

above 8 accounts in
one rupee. The figures
may either be changed
accordingly or in
both places or they
they may be allowed
to stand as they are.

As regards the table
giving results of sales
of Veni farms & shops in
separate sections in
the review —

As a matter of
fact there existed
in 1896-7 only 62
separate shops &
these 62 shops fetched
Rs: 100635 - Please
see page 17 of
the report for 1896-7
just received
in 1897-98
25 Veni farms &
were treated
as separate &
1 shop was

in the Bengal Circle
thus raising the
no of Sep. Shops
from 62 to 88. (Vide pages 10 & 11 of the Report for 97-8)

The Excise Commr
adds the 25 Farm Shops &
the no of Sep: Shops
(62) in 1896-7
as also the rev. of
these Shops and
then effects a comparison.
This would be
going against facts.
The 25 Farm
Shops were not
actually sold as
separate Shops
in 1896-97 and
the comparison
effected by the
Excise Comr is
not quite correct.
In the statement
given in the review
actual state of
things is brought
out & compared.

Submitted to Secretary
26/8/97

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MATTER FOR COUNCIL

SUBJECT

Review on the Excise Administration Report for the year 1897-98.

Circulated to Councillors

By Order,

For Secretary.

22 Aug 1899

Name	Date of receipt	Date when passed on
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~~Rajadharma Pravina T. R.~~ A. ~~Thumboo Chetty, Esq., C. I.~~ E.		
~~P. N. Krishna Murti, Esq., C. I.~~ E.		
~~V. P. Madhava Rao, Esq.~~ ..		
The Secretary		

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By Order,

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V. P. Madhava Rao, Esq. C.I.E. Camp Javangondanhalli 39	26/8/99	31/8/99
The Secretary		

Council Resolution put up 7/9/99

Resolution Council

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The Secretary		

Paras 10 & 101 of the Report. In what stage are the draft Regn and Rules referred to. The sooner they are passed the better.

Madras Abkari Act. 2 Rules for ... Daftaries

Para 7 of the Review and para 93 of the Report. Altho no less than 494 persons were prosecuted for breaches of abkari rules. The amount of fines imposed is small. I fear that the masters have dealt with the offenders themselves lenently.

Para 2 of Review & 2 Vide Rep. marginal note ... Retirement of Demand ... Water of Arrack Rev.

Para 3 Vide marginal note ... 3 & 4.

To XX 29/8/99

The Legislative & Rev Branches

Ext B XX 25/8/99

Submitted with a note 26/8/99

Journal of Council Proceedings

Bangalore 28th August 1898.

Resolved as follows:-

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4. That the Report with Review on the Administration of Excise Revenue in Mysore for the year 1897-98 be passed and issued.

Sd/ K. Sheshadri Iyer
Dewan President of Council

To.
The Rev (Excise) Br for issue.
7.9.98.

Excise Dept
for information
& necessary
action
7/9/98

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The Excise Commr
in Mysore

no 7581
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Dated 22nd April 1899

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Has the honr to request that the submission of the Excise administration report for 1897-98 may be expedited.

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for Secretary

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Submitted to Secretary for information

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Record with the observation that Gobichoke that no further delay will be allowed to occur & that the Kubbu of the Rs will be good enough to have the Report printed as soon as he receives it.

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To Excise Commissioner & Ex Supdt

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT
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From

The Excise Commissioner in Mysore.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF MYSORE,

General & Revenue Dept.s

Dated 6th June 1899.

Despatched) —do—

Received

General No. 7891

No. 428 Enclosure No.

In reply to

SUBJECT.

States that the Excise Administration Report for 1897-98 has not yet been completed, as the Excise Annual accounts have not yet been verified by the Comptroller, and that steps have been taken to complete it by the end of next week and to send it to the Press.

References
(to be entered only in the Dewan's Office.)

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Rs. 7891/428

Excise Commissioner's Office
Bangalore, dated 6th June 1899.

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From, The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

To The Secretary to Government
General and Revenue Depts.

Sir,

In reply to your docket No. 8958/Ex F4-98 dated 5th June 1899, I have the honor to state that the Excise Administration Report for 1897-98 has not yet been completed as the Excise Annual Accounts have not yet been verified by the Comptroller owing to the complicated nature of the accounts to be adjusted under the Preliminary Free-Tax System of the Administration of Toddy Revenue introduced in the year 1897-98. Steps have, however, been taken to complete the Report by the end of next week and to send it to the Press.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

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Draft as per order.

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Read:—

Letter no. 1891/420 dated 6th June/99 from the Excise Commr in Impere stating with reference to this office no. 8958/Ex 74-98 & 5th June/99, that the Excise administration Report for 1897-98 has not been completed as the Excise annual accounts have not yet been verified by the Comptroller owing to the complicated nature of the accounts to be adjusted under the Preliminary Free-Tax System of the administration of toddy Revenue introduced in the year 1897-98, and that steps have, however, been taken to complete the Report by the end of next week and to send it to the Press.

9166-8 & 13/6/99

Ex. F. 4-98-9

Order thereon:—

Recorded with the

the observation that Govt hope that no further delay will be allowed to occur and that the Supt of the Press will be good enough to have the Report printed as soon as he receives it.

12/16/99

Pr Secretary

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To

The Excise Commte

" Comptroller

" Supt of Govt Press.

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The Essex County Council

No 140
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6/7/99

Your letter No: 7891/L28
of 6th June 1999.

With reference to the above matter I now have to enquire if the Essex Adult Report for 1997-98 has been completed and sent to the Secretary of State. When printed copies of the report are available please forward 150 copies to this office.

Yours faithfully,

6/7/99

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT
Gl. No. 2925-97
DEWAN'S OFFICE
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From

The Excise Commissioner in Mysore

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF MYSORE,

General and Revenue Depts.

Dated 8th
Despatched 13 } July 1899.
Received

General No. 242
No. 12
Enclosure No.

In reply to Secretary's No. 140 Engt. 4-98-99 dated 6th instant.

SUBJECT.

States that the Excise Administration report for the year 1897-98 has been completed and after verification of the figures therein with those of the demand, collection and Balance statements lately received from the Comptroller duly verified, it is being fair copied and will be sent to Press by Tuesday or Wednesday next.

References
(to be entered only in the Dewan's Office.)

Submitted Secretary
for info
11/7/99

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Kapian orders as follows:—

Govt regret that there has been so much delay in the publication of the Report on Excise Admn for the Year 1897-98. Desire Commr will expedite its transmission to the Press, & that the results of the Press will have it printed as quickly as possible.

Secretary 7-7-99.

Under Govt Secy

No. 242/12

Excise Commissioner's Office
Dated Bangalore 8th July 1899
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From

The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

To

The Secretary to Government
General and Revenue Depts.

Sir,

In reply to your docket No. 140 / Rev. 74-98-99, dated 6th instant, I have the honor to state that the Excise Administration Report for 1897-98 has been completed, and after verifying the figures therein entered with those in the annual Demand Collection and Balance Statements which were received duly verified by the Comptroller, only on the 3rd instant, it is being fair copied, and

and will be sent to Press by Tuesday
or Wednesday next.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

your most obedient Servant

J. Murray

Excise Commissioner

in Ayrshire

GL. No. 280
Ex. No 13
DEWAN'S OFFICE

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From

The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF MYSORE,
General & Revenue Dept.

Dated 13th July 1899.

Despatched 14

Received

General No. 263

No. 14

Enclosure No.

In reply to continuation of his office No. 242/12, dated 8/13 inst.

SUBJECT.

States that the Excise Administration Report for 1897-98 has this day been forwarded to the Government Press with instructions to print it at once and supply the usual interleaved copies within one week for submission to Government.

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References
(to be entered only in the Dewan's Office.)

Submitted,

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18/7/99

No. 263
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Excise Commissioner's office
Bangalore, dated 13th/14th July 1899

From

The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

To

The Secretary to Government
General and Revenue Departments

Sir,

I have the honor to State in continuation of my letter No. 242/12, dated 8th/13th instant, that the Excise Administration Report for 1897-98, has this day been forwarded to the Government Press, with instructions to print it at once and supply the usual interleaved copies within one week for submission to Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

[signature]

Excise Commissioner
SR in Mysore

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Submitted to Secretary for information

15/7/99

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT Gl. No. 274 L. 8 Ex 12 DEMAND'S OFFICE

FROM The Superintendent, Govt. Printing in Mysore

To The Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore General & Revenue Depts.

Dated 13th
Despatched 18 } July 1899
Received

General No. 57
No.

Enclosure No.

Referring to Government Proceedings No. 9166-8 Ex. 7. 4-98 dated 13th June 1899, has the honor to intimate the receipt of MSS. Copy of Excise Report for 1897-98 at 4-30 p.m. this day. As the Excise Commissioner has requested that the report should be ready within one week, and as it contains much tabular and scheme work, the Superintendent will endeavour to do this by working overtime.

T. T. Lenard
Superintendent,
Govt Printing in Mysore

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From

The Excise Commissioner in Mysore

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF MYSORE,

Revenue & General Dept.

Dated 28th July 1899

Despatched 29 —do—

Received

General No. 729

No. 33 Enclosure No. three

In reply to

SUBJECT.

Submits three interleaved copies of the Excise Administration Report for 1897-98, and requests that 300 copies of the same, with the Government review thereon, may be ordered & be supplied to this office for distribution.

Excise Commr

References

(to be entered only in the Dewan's Office.)

1 copy sent to H.H. the

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No. 729
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Excise Commissioner's office
Bangalore, dated 28th July 1897
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From

The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

To

The Secretary to Government
General and Revenue Departments

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith, three interleaved copies of the Excise Administration Report for 1897-98, received from the Government Press, and to request that 300 copies of the same with the Government review thereon, may be ordered to be supplied to this office for distribution

I have the honorable
Sir
Your most obedient servant

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For Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

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To

The Excise Commr
in Assam

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Desp 15/8/99
No: 1377
F. F 4 of 98-99

His letter No. 729 d 28th July 1899 submitting 3 interleaved copies of the Excise Administration Report for 1897-98

With reference to the above has the honour to request that 3 more interleaved copies of the report may be forwarded to this office as early as possible as required by Govt Desp: No: 765 7-89 d 4th August 97 by 300

By Order
11/8/99
For Secretary

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From The Excise Commissioner in Mysore

To THE SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF MYSORE,

General and ~~Revenue~~ Depts.

Dated 17th August 1899.
Despatched 18
Received

General No. 15-11
No. 5-2
Enclosure No. 1

In reply to secretary's docket No. 1377 dated 15th instant. Ex 74 of 1898-99

SUBJECT.

Forwards one more interleaved copy of the Excise Administration Report for 1897-98, and states that no more copies are available.

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One more unbound leaves copy
from [illegible] in the Press

23/8/99

References
(to be entered only in the Dewan's Office.)

Ex
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No. 1511/5-2 Encl 1 Excise Commissioner's Office

Bangalore, dated 17th/18 August 1899.

From

The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

To

The Secretary to Government
General and Revenue Department

Sir,

In reply to your docket No 1377 Ex 7 & 9 of 1898, dated 15th instant, I have the honor to forward herewith one more interleaved copy of the Excise Administration Report for 1897-98, and to state that no more copies are available

I have the honor to be
sir,
your most obedient servant

[redacted]
For Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

S. R. File no 4998-99

SL 11

Read —

Report on the Administration of the Excise Revenue in the State for the year 1897-98 submitted by the Excise Commissioner with his letter no 729/33 dated 28th July 1899.

Review thereon: —

Sources of Revenue: The important sources of Abkari Revenue are Arrack, Date-Toddy, Ganja and opium. The following Statement shows the net receipts from different sources of Abkari Revenue during the five years ending 1897-98.

Year	Arrack	Toddy	Ganja	Opium	Foreign liquor	Beer	Miscellaneous	Total	Expenditure	Net Revenue
1893-94	17,15,780	14,44,738	18,845	30,821	1,698	839	11,489	32,24,210	2,64,392	29,59,818
1894-95	18,90,950	14,63,970	24,229	33,438	1,725	638	10,877	34,25,827	2,13,955	32,11,872
1895-96	19,98,380	15,42,621	27,763	35,435	2,036	915	7,566	36,14,716	2,20,054	33,94,662
1896-97	19,10,348	15,28,021	27,783	35,955	2047	1,248	9,118	35,14,520	2,41,189	32,73,331
1897-98	20,25,570	14,69,858	35,759	38,837	2,236	2,295	7,950	35,82,505	2,74,993	33,07,512
96	5	5	4	4	5	3	5	5	5	5

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2- Arrack. The Arrack revenue was derived from working the Systems noted below:—

(1) "The Central Distillery System" for the manufacture of Arrack and its supply from the Government Central Distillery Bangalore,

(2) "The Bonded Depôt System" for transporting Arrack from the Central Distillery and for distributing the same to Depôts in specified localities outside the Bangalore District to Vend Farmers and

and Separate Shop keepers,

(3) and (4) "the "Vend Rent" and "the "Separate Shop Systems" under which the privilege of selling arrack in defined tracts and in specified localities are respectively sold every year to the highest bidder and

(5) "the "Farm depôt system" under which farmers in the Bangalore District are allowed to draw their Supplies direct from the Central Distillery and maintain their own depots.

The privilege of manufacture and supply of Arrack to the State, including the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, was given to the firm designated the "East India Distilleries and Sugar factories, (Limited)" for a ~~term~~ term

of

of five years from 1st July/97, their tender of 6 1/3 annas per gallon of Arrack 20° Under Proof having been accepted. The Contract for the carriage and distribution of the liquor during the same period was renewed to Messrs Bajjannah and Maigondadeva Mudaliar at the rate of 5 pies for the Bangalore City, and 2 1/2 annas per gallon of Arrack carried to depots in the interior.

The Still head duty was raised from Rs 4 to Rs 4-12-" and the ~~rate of~~ retail price from Rs 5-5-" to Rs 6-6-" per gallon of 20° Under Proof.

On the renewal of Contract in 1897-98 for the manufacture of Arrack, the price at which arrack should be supplied to

to Government was Rs 0-6-4 against Rs 0-10-6 per gallon which was the rate tendered by the outgoing Contractors. The higher rate of retail price coupled with the reduced cost of manufacture gave the Vend farmer and Separate Shop keeper a wider margin of profit of Rs 1-3-8 against 0-10-6 per gallon.

The "Separate Shop System" was extended to the Head quarter towns of Holar, Tumkur, Hassan, Chickmagalur, and Shimoga, thus raising the total number of these shops from 62 to 88. This gave an average population of 2461 persons for each shop.

There were 62 bonded depots against 59 in the previous year and the retail shops under Vend farmers numbered 826 against 847 and the

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Farm depots 21 against 22. The apparent decrease in the number of retail shops was due to some of the shops having been brought under "Separate Shops."

Excluding the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, the ratio of Shops to villages, population and area of the whole State was one shop for 18 villages 5299 inhabitants and 31 square miles

Besides Arrack, a few other kinds of Country Spirits, such as, Brandy, Whiskey, Gin &c were also manufactured to a small extent at the Bangalore Central Distillery. The total quantity of Arrack and Country Spirits issued to all parts of the State including the Civil and Military Station

of Bangalore was 4,27,879 gallons against 5,15,667 of which 3,52,066 against 4,15,451 gallons were actually consumed in the State giving an incidence of 3·7 against 4·3 drams per head of population. The decline in consumption was noticeable in the Coffee Taluks of Manjarabad and Chickmagalur and in the Kolar Gold Fields owing respectively to the depression of the Coffee Industry and to the cessation of mining operations. The decrease of Consumption in the cities of Bangalore and Mysore and in the rest of the State was mainly on account of high prices of provisions and of the increase in the rate of retail price of Arrack. The

The.

From the particulars given above, it is clear that the large increase of Rs. 10 99 881- was due not to increased Consumption but to keen competition for the Vend farms and Separate Shops and also to enhancement of Still head duty.

The incidence of Arrack Revenue was Re:0-6-8 against Re:0-6-4. It was the highest in the Kolar Gold Fields being Rs:26-6-9 and the lowest in the Chitaldrug District being Re:0-1-4 per head of population.

3 Date Toddy. This is another equally important source of Excise Revenue. Excluding the Civil and Military station of Bangalore there were 3093 Date Toddy Shops against 3049 in the previous year, the ratio of villages, population, and area being

being 1 Shop to 5 villages, 1566
inhabitants and 9 Square miles.

The Free Tax System was
tentatively introduced and
no less than 993.255 date trees
were licensed to be tapped. The
Sales of Vend farms fetched
Rs 14,68,680 or Rs 81,333 less than
the previous year's realizations.
This falling off was owing partly
to the paucity of date trees and
partly to the Free Tax System being
new. The report does not furnish
information as to the quantity
of Toddy drawn and Consumed.
The attention of the Excise
Commissioner is again drawn
to the necessity of gathering
correct Statistics on this head,
as already pointed out in the
last year's review.

Including C & Mr. Station of Bangalore
The gross demand inclusive
of local cess and arrears of previous

years.

years was Rs 15,87,153 against Rs 16,22,011 and gross collections Rs 14,51,889 against 15,09,348

The incidence of revenue was Re:0-4-8 or 3 pies less than in 1896-97. Taking Attack and Date Toddy together, the incidence rose to Re:0-11-5.

The revenue from Bagani Toddy amounted to Rs 17,969 or Rs 704 less than the revenue for the year previous.

4 Ganja. The Contract for the whole sale vend of Ganja throughout the State, excluding the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, was also renewed to Messrs Bajanna and Maigondadeva Mudaliar. There were 69 wholesale and 182 retail shops. The total quantity consumed amounted to 78,418 Seers, the incidence

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of consumption per head being
~~——~~ .39 tola.

The receipts were Rs 35,759
against Rs 27,782 and incidence
of revenue was Re 0—0—1·14
against Re 0—0—1·1

5 Opium. The quantity
Consumed was 3704 seers,
which gave an incidence of
0·02 tola per head of popula-
tion. The Revenue amounted
to Rs 38,837 or Rs 2882 more than
in the previous year, the incidence
of revenue being ~~0·9~~ 1·5 pies
against ~~0·8~~ 1·4 pies.

The incidence of total
Excise Revenue of the State was Re 0—11—10
against Re 0—11—7 per head
of population.

Measures for the protection of
Abkari Revenue: There were
451 cases against Excise laws
~~prosecuted~~ presented against 660 persons

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for secretary
for 15/8/88

Hon Secretary

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

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EXCISE

PROCEEDINGS

Dated Sep August 1899.

No. 7

Ex. 7-6-98

Review on the Excise Administration Report for the year 1897-98.

Circulate for next meeting 11-9-99

Ex - Give to Comml & Clerk's Service Stamp charges Rs 19/6/99

SBP—14-8-99—200

Attended to 23/8/99

READ—

Report on the Administration of the Excise Revenue in the State for the year 1897-98 submitted by the Excise Commissioner with his letter No. 729—33, dated 28th July 1899.

No. 2109-47-Ex-24-98 Dated Bangalore, 15th Sept. 1899

REVIEW THEREON.—*Sources of Revenue.*—The important sources of Abkari Revenue are Arrack, ~~Date~~ Toddy, Ganja and Opium. The following statement shows the net receipts from different sources of Abkari revenue during the five years ending 1897-98 :—

Year.	Arrack.	Toddy.	Ganja.	Opium.	Foreign liquor.	Beer.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	Expenditure.	Net Revenue.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1893-94 ...	17,15,780	14,44,738	18,845	30,821	1,698	839	11,489	32,24,210	2,64,392	29,59,818
1894-95 ...	18,90,950	14,63,970	24,229	33,438	1,725	638	10,877	34,25,827	2,13,955	32,11,872
1895-96 ...	19,98,380	15,42,621	27,763	35,435	2,036	915	7,566	36,14,716	2,20,054	33,94,662
1896-97 ...	19,10,348	15,28,021	27,783	35,955	2,047	1,248	9,118	35,14,520	2,41,189	32,73,331
1897-98 ...	20,25,570	14,69,858	35,759	38,837	2,236	2,295	7,950	35,82,505	2,74,993	33,07,512

2. *Arrack.*—The Arrack revenue was derived from working the systems noted below :—

(1) "The Central Distillery System" for the manufacture of Arrack and its supply from the Government Central Distillery, Bangalore,

(2) "The Bonded Depot System" for transporting Arrack from the Central Distillery and for distributing the same to depots in specified localities outside the Bangalore district, to Vend Farmers and Separate Shop-keepers,

(3) and (4) "The Vend Rent" and "the Separate Shop Systems" under which the privilege of selling arrack in defined tracts and in specified localities are respectively sold every year to the highest bidder, and

(5) "the Farm Depot System" under which Farmers in the Bangalore district are allowed to draw their supplies direct from the Central Distillery and maintain their own depots.

The privilege of manufacture and supply of arrack to the State, including he Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, was given to the firm designated he "East India Distilleries and Sugar Factories, (Limited)" for a term of five 1st July 1897, their tender of 6⅓rd annas per gallon of arrack 20° aving been accepted. The contract for the carriage and distribuor during the same period was renewed to Messrs. Bajjanna and Mudaliar at the rate of five pies for the Bangalore City, and 2½ lon of arrack carried to depots in the interior.

Head duty was raised from Rs. 4 to Rs. 4-12-0 and the retail price 0 to Rs. 6-6-0 per gallon of 20° under proof. On the renewal of 897-98 for the manufacture of arrack, the price at which arrack pplied to Government was Re. 0-6-4 against Re. 0-10-6 which was

the rate per gallon tendered by the out-going contractors. The higher rate of retail price coupled with the reduced cost of manufacture gave the vend farmer and separate shop-keeper a wider margin of profit of Rs. 1-3-8 against Re. 0-10-6 per gallon.

The "Separate Shop System" was extended to the head-quarter towns of Kolar, Tumkur, Hassan, Chikmagalur and Shimoga, thus raising the total number of these shops from 62 to 88. This gave an average population of 2,461 persons for each shop.

There were 62 Bonded Depots against 59 in the previous year and the retail shops under vend farmers numbered 826 against 847, and the farm depots 21 against 22. The apparent decrease in the number of retail shops was due to some of the shops having been brought under "Separate Shops."

Excluding the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, the ratio of shops to villages, population and area of the whole State was one shop for 18 villages, 5,299 inhabitants and 31 square miles.

Besides arrack, a few other kinds of country spirits, such as, brandy, whisky, gin, &c., were also manufactured to a small extent at the Bangalore Central Distillery. The total quantity of arrack and country spirits issued to all parts of the State, including the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, was 427,879 gallons against 515,667, of which 352,066 against 415,451 gallons were actually consumed in the State, giving an incidence of 3·7 against 4·3 drams per head of population. The decline in consumption was noticeable in the coffee taluks of Manjarabad and Chikmagalur and in the Kolar Gold Fields owing respectively to the depression of the coffee industry and to the cessation of mining operations. The decrease of consumption in the cities of Bangalore and Mysore and in the rest of the State was mainly on account of high prices of provisions and of the increase in the rate of retail price of arrack.

The Demand, Collection and Balance of Arrack revenue was as shown in the following table:—

	1896-97.			1897-98.		
	Duty.	Rental.	Total.	Duty.	Rental.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Demand, including arrears	16,60,533	2,53,070	19,13,603	16,67,405	3,64,698	20,32,103
Collection	16,60,533	2,49,815	19,10,348	16,67,405	3,58,165	20,25,570
Remission	...	697	697	...	39	39
Balance	...	2,558	2,558	...	6,494	6,494

The results of the sales of Vend Farms and Separate Shops were as follows:—

	1896-97.		1897-98.		Increase.
	No. of farms or shops.	Amount of highest bid.	No. of farms or shops.	Amount of highest bid	
		Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Vend Farms	128	1,51,441	128	1,90,276	38,835
Separate Shops	62	1,00,635	88	1,71,788	71,153
Total ...	...	2,52,076	...	3,62,064	1,09,988

From the particulars given above, it is clear that the large increase of Rs. 1,09,988 was due not to increased consumption but to keen competition for the vend farms and separate shops and also to enhancement of still head duty.

The incidence of Arrack revenue was Re. 0-6-8 against Re. 0-6-4. It was the highest in the Kolar Gold Fields, being Rs. 26-6-9 and the lowest in the Chitaldrug district, being Re. 0-1-4 per head of population.

3. ~~Date~~ *Toddy.*—This is another equally important source of Excise revenue. Excluding the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, there were 3,093 date toddy shops against 3,049 in the previous year, the ratio of villages, population, and area being 1 shop to 5 villages, 1,566 inhabitants and 9 square miles.

The Tree-Tax system was tentatively introduced and no less than 9,93,255 date trees were licensed to be tapped. The sales of vend farms fetched Rs. 14,68,680 or Rs. 81,333 less than the previous year's realizations. This falling off was owing partly to the paucity of date trees and partly to the tree-tax system being new. The report does not furnish information as to the quantity of toddy drawn and consumed. The attention of the Excise Commissioner is again drawn to the necessity of gathering correct statistics on this head, as already pointed out in the last year's review.

Including C. & M. Station of Bangalore, the gross demand, inclusive of local cess and arrears of previous years, was Rs. 15,87,153 against Rs. 16,22,011 and the gross collections Rs. 14,51,889 against 15,09,348.

The incidence of revenue was Re. 0-4-8 or 3 pies less than in 1896-97. Taking together, the arrack and date toddy revenue of the State, the incidence rose to Re. 0-11-5.

The revenue from bagani toddy amounted to Rs. 17,969 or Rs. 704 less than the revenue for the year previous.

4. *Ganja.*—The contract for the wholesale vend of ganja throughout the State, excluding the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, was also renewed to Messrs. Bajjanna and Maigondadeva Mudaliar. There were 69 wholesale and 182 retail shops. The total quantity consumed amounted to 78,418 seers, the incidence of consumption per head being ·39 tola.

The receipts were Rs. 35,759 against Rs. 27,782 and the incidence of revenue was Re. 0-0-1·4 against Re. 0-0-1·1.

5. *Opium.*—The quantity consumed was 3,704 seers, which gave an incidence of 0·02 tola per head of population. The revenue amounted to Rs. 38,837 or Rs 2,882 more than in the previous year, the incidence of revenue being ~~0·5~~ 1·5 pies against 1·4 pies.

6. The incidence of total Excise revenue of the State was Re. 0-11-10 against Re. 0-11-7 per head of population.

7. *Measures for the Protection of Abkari Revenue.*—There were 451 cases against Excise laws prosecuted against 660 persons of whom 74·8 per cent were convicted. The fines imposed amounted to Rs. 2,896-10-0.

8. *Touring.*—The Excise Commissioner toured chiefly in the Mysore, Kadur and Shimoga districts, and the Deputy Excise Commissioner in the districts of Mysore, Tumkur, Kolar and Bangalore.

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